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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please find below a listing of all of the pending claims. The status of each claim is set forth in parentheses.

1. (Currently Amended) A program controlled apparatus for identifying taxable financial transactions, collecting data based on the transactions and calculating any taxes due on the transactions, the apparatus comprising:

a first database having a directory of parameters identifying all domestic taxing ~~jurisidctions~~ jurisdictions by zip code requiring payment of taxes;

a second database having a directory of parameters identifying the taxability of goods and/or services by each jurisdiction identified by zip code in the first database, through the use of commodity codes;

a third database having a directory of parameters identifying all domestic sales, use and rental tax rates for each zip code; and

a server having programming for determining all taxes due on each transaction request input to the apparatus according to the directory parameters maintained by the first, second and third databases.

2. (Original) A program controlled apparatus for identifying taxable financial transactions, collecting data based on the transactions and calculating any taxes due on the transactions, the apparatus comprising:

a first database having a directory of parameters identifying all domestic taxing jurisdictions by geocode requiring payment of taxes;

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a second database having a directory of parameters identifying the taxability of goods

and/or services by each jurisdiction identified by geocode in the first database, through the

use of commodity codes;

a third database having a directory of parameters identifying all domestic sales, use

and rental tax rates for each geocode; and

a server having programming for determining all taxes due on each transaction

request input to the apparatus according to the directory parameters maintained by the first,

second and third databases.

3. (Original) A program controlled apparatus for identifying taxable financial transactions,

collecting data based on the transactions and calculating any taxes due on the transactions,

the apparatus comprising:

a first database having a directory of parameters identifying all domestic taxing

jurisdictions by jurisdiction name requiring payment of taxes;

a second database having a directory of parameters identifying the taxability of goods

and/or services by each jurisdiction identified by jurisdiction name in the first database,

through the use of commodity codes;

a third database having a directory of parameters identifying all domestic sales, use

and rental tax rates for each jurisdiction name; and

a server having programming for determining all taxes due on each transaction

request input to the apparatus according to the directory parameters maintained by the first,

second and third databases.

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4-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Original) A method for identifying taxable financial transactions, collecting data based on the transactions and calculating any taxes due on the transactions, the method comprising the steps of:

inputting an XML-based transaction request from a selected transaction processing source system to a program controlled apparatus for performing tax related transactions;

identifying the class of transaction to be processed;

determining whether the transaction request relates to a sale of an item of goods or a resale of the item of goods;

parsing a selected database directory for a tax rate that is applicable to the item of goods being resold; and

completing processing of the transaction.

10. (Original) A method for identifying taxable financial transactions, collecting data based on the transactions and calculating any taxes due on the transactions, the method comprising the steps of:

inputting an XML-based transaction request from a selected transaction processing source system to a program controlled apparatus for performing tax related transactions;

identifying the class of transaction to be processed;

determining whether the transaction request relates to a sale of an item of goods or a resale of the item of goods;

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locating a tax rate in a selected database directory that is applicable to the item of goods being sold;

parsing a list in a selected database directory of those items of goods that are tangible personal property;

searching the list for the item of goods;

writing to a selected file that no accrual of tax is due on the item; and

completing processing of the transaction.

11. (Original) A method for identifying taxable financial transactions, collecting data based on the transactions and calculating any taxes due on the transactions, the method comprising the steps of:

inputting an XML-based transaction request from a selected transaction processing source system to a program controlled apparatus for performing tax related transactions;

identifying the class of transaction to be processed;

determining whether the transaction request relates to a sale of an item of goods or a resale of the item of goods;

locating a tax rate in a selected database directory that is applicable to the item of goods being sold;

parsing a list in a selected database directory of those items of goods that are tangible personal property;

matching the item of goods with an item of goods in the list;

writing to a selected file that accrual of tax on the item is due in full; and

completing processing of the transaction.

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12-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Original) An intelligent, program controlled system having programming for providing
an internet-based sales and use tax compliance service related to accounts payable transaction
processing, collecting data from a client's transaction request and calculating any sales or use
taxes to be paid to the client's vendor and/or accrued, including the reporting and payment of
client's accrued sales and use taxes to the appropriate state or local government taxing
authority, the apparatus comprising:

a first server for hosting a first virtual portal having at least one application for
providing e-content to end users, the application including a network browser for accessing,
displaying and transmitting data over the network;

a second server for hosting a second virtual portal having at least one application for
receiving data from the first server and for parsing the data received;

a communications infrastructure linking the first and second servers to one another;

a third server for hosting a third virtual portal having at least one application for
receiving data from the second server, parsing the data received for XML-based data and
interpreting the XML-based data for selected data processing operations;

a network service module for processing XML-based data from the third server, the
module including an applications server, a database, a sales and use tax computation module
and a sales tax and use tax remittance module, the service module receiving XML-based
transactional data, storing the data in a first selected file of the database, computing the sales
and use tax due on the corresponding transaction, storing the sales and use tax due in a
second selected file of the database, converting the second file from an XML-based format to

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a TXP-based format for receipt by an automated clearing house network, and periodically transmitting the second file through the network to a selected financial institution for electronic funds transfer to a selected government authority; and

an infrastructure service module having a series of discrete operations including a security function for insuring system security over the interactive communications network, a system recovery function, a system backup function, a real-time and continuous accessibility function, a system monitoring function, a system load balancing function and a system scalability function.

18. (Original) A program controlled system having modular programming for providing an internet-based sales and use tax compliance service related to accounts payable transaction processing, collecting data from a client's transaction request and calculating any sales or use taxes to be paid to the client's vendor and/or accrued, including the reporting and payment of client's accrued sales and use taxes to the appropriate state or local government taxing authority, the apparatus comprising:

an interface module for a merchant system that electronically contacts a service provider system each time an accounts payable source system transaction is initiated;

a tax computation module operating on a server of a service provider, the module calculating the amount of sales or use tax to pay to the merchant's vendor and/or the amount of sales or use tax to accrue and report on behalf of the merchant;

a transaction processing module for consummating the transaction requested;

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a funds transfer module for automatically receiving information on the transaction consummation and effecting transfer of the funds electronically to an account of a selected financial institution;

a tax payment module for periodic transfer of funds aggregated in the account to at least one account of a selected government authority;

a reporting/auditing module for generating interactive reports and for permitting auditing by the selected government authority;

a tax return module for automated generation of a tax return and transmitting the return electronically to the government authority.

19. (Cancelled)

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